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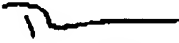
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Applicant: Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.
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Priority Date: November 7, 2003
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METHOD OF ASSEMBLY THEREOF
Group Art Unit: 3672
Examiner: Giovanna M. Collins
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Attached hereto and transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action of August 9, 2006, along with an authorization to charge any necessary fees in

connection with this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 500748 in the name of Emery Jamieson.

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Transmission of:

1. A Transmittal Letter for the document outlined below; and
2. An Amendment in response to the Office Action of August 9, 2006, along with an authorization to charge any additional required amounts to our Deposit Account No. 500748 in the name of Emery Jamieson.

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AMENDMENT

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This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006 concerning the subject patent application. Please charge any necessary fees in connection with this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 500748 in the name of Emery Jamieson.

Amendments to the Disclosure:

Page 2, line 23, delete "No. 6,224,361" and insert --No. 6,244,361".